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Sir:

This paper constitutes a submission pursuant to Rule 114, and is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. A final Office Action dated September 17, 2007 was previously issued. This paper is set forth as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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